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1. JOHN STOCKWELL, A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE CIA AND HERE AT THE INVITATION OF THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY YOUTH ORGANIZATION (PNPYO), HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 26. ADMITTING THAT HE HAD LITTLE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ANY CIA ACTIVITIES IN THE CARIBBEAN, STOCKWELL STATED THAT HIS MISSION WAS TO ALERT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC TO THE "DANGERS OF THE ORGANIZATION." HE DID NOT REITERATE THE STATEMENTS MADE HERE BY COVERT ACTION EDITOR LOUIS WOLFF IN EARLY JULY. HOWEVER, HE CLAIMED THAT CIA AGENTS ARE ASSIGNED ABROAD NOT TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE HOST COUNTRY BUT TO RECRUIT INDIVIDUALS FOR COVERT OPERATIONS.

2. STOCKWELL DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A FORMER CIA EMPLOYEE WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM, AFRICA AND ASIA. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN THE CHIEF OF STATION IN A SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRY AND IN CHARGE OF OPERATIONS IN ANGOLA. STOCKWELL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO OTHER AMERICANS, BILL SCHAAF AND ELLEN ROY, WHO WE UNDERSTAND ARE BOTH CO-EDITORS OF COVERT ACTION. THEY REPORTTEELY TAPED A PROGRAM AT JBC TELEVISION THE EVENING OF AUGUST 25 WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN BROADCAST.

3. STOCKWELL'S PRESS CONFERENCE WAS REPORTED ON JBC TELEVISION AND RADIO NEWS AND WAS CARRIED IN BOTH MAJOR

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

4. AT THE SAME PRESS CONFERENCE, THE PNPYO ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE STATING THAT THE "PROGRESSIVE FORCES" HAD NO HATRED OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS A WHOLE. THE ORGANIZATION ONLY WISHED TO EXPRESS ITS OPPOSITION TO "WAR-MONGERS AND IMPERIALISTS" IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, AND MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS WHICH EXPLOIT COUNTRIES LIKE JAMAICA. THE STUDENTS ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE CIA IS LINKED TO REACTIONARY FORCES IN JAMAICA, SUCH AS THE JLP AND PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS.
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